उद्योग मंत्री (श्री जे. वेंगल राव) : (क) साइकिल कारपोरेशन आफ इण्डिया में इस समय कार्यरत कर्मचारियों की संख्या 3945 है ।

(ख) जी, हां । पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान कारपोरेशन द्वारा उठाया गया घाटा निम्न प्रकार है :—

	(लाख रुपए में)
1985-86	(—) 819
1986-87	(—) 1035
1987-88	(—) 1210 (अनन्तिम)

घाटे के विभिन्न कारण हैं जैसे पुरानी और अप्रचलित मशीनें, फालतू श्रम-शक्ति, उत्पादन की ऊंची लागत, नकदी की खराब स्थिति तथा इसके परिणामस्वरुप कार्यशील पूंजी की अपर्याप्त उपलब्धता ।

Introduction of Direct Telephone Connections

4615. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI KARIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government propose to introduce DTC (Direct Telephone Connection) Scheme linking nearby districts; and

(b) If so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) All the district headquarters in the country which are not yet provided with National STD, have been planned to be provided with this facility by connecting them to the Trunk Automatic Exchanges network.

Setting up of an earth Station at Dallas in USA

4616. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up an Earth Station at Dallas in U.S.A. and another Bhubaneswara;

(b) if so, in what manner both the Earth Stations will be connected and what are the aims and objects of such Centre; and

(c) the total investment of the project and what will be the share of the Central Government in the project?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH) : (a) A proposal has been received to link Dallas in U.S.A. and Bhubaneswar through satellite.

(b) The proposal is under consideration and no final decision has been taken. The proposal is in connection with software export.

(c) Total investment and the share of the Central Government will be known only after a final decision is taken.

Demands of Telecom Technicians

4617. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of Com-